

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S111–S147

Measures Introduced: Thirty-nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 73–111, and S. Res. 14–16. **Pages S141–43**

Measures Passed:

Government Employee Fair Treatment Act: Senate passed S. 24, to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations. **Pages S133–34**

Commending the Clemson University Tigers Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 15, commending the Clemson University Tigers football team for winning the 2019 College Football Playoff National Championship. **Page S146**

Relative to the Death of Former Senator John Chester Culver: Senate agreed to S. Res. 16, relative to the death of John Chester Culver, former United States Senator for the State of Iowa. **Page S146**

Measures Considered:

Strengthening America's Security In The Middle East Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people. **Pages S115–35**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 2), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S128**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, January 14, 2019.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, January 11, 2019. **Page S146**

Appointments:

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control for the 116th Congress: Senators Cornyn (Chairman), Grassley, Risch, and Perdue. **Page S146**

Syria Study Group: The Chair, pursuant to the provisions of section 1501 of Public Law 115–254, on behalf of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, appointed the following individual as a member of the Syria Study Group: Chris Tuttle, of Virginia. **Page S146**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S128**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator John Chester Culver, in accordance with S. Res. 16, at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES FROM SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on President Trump's recent decision

to withdraw United States forces from Syria from John C. Rood, Under Secretary for Policy, and Lieutenant General Richard D. Clarke, USA, Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy, J5, and Major General Michael S. Groen, USMC, Director of Intelligence, J2, both of the Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 64 public bills, H.R. 424–487, and 3 resolutions; H.J. Res. 25, and H. Res. 35 and 36; were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Swalwell (CA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:18 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: The House passed H.R. 267, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 244 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 23.

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Rejected the Diaz-Balart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 193 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 22.

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H. Res. 28, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 264), (H.R. 265), (H.R. 266), and (H.R. 267) was agreed to yesterday, January 9th.

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019: The House passed H.R. 265, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 243 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 25.

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Rejected the Aderholt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with in-

structions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 197 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 24.

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H. Res. 28, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 264), (H.R. 265), (H.R. 266), and (H.R. 267) was agreed to yesterday, January 9th.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act: H.R. 115, to require the Department of State to establish a policy regarding the use of location-tracking consumer devices by employees at diplomatic and consular facilities;

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United States-Mexico Economic Partnership Act: H.R. 133, to promote economic partnership and cooperation between the United States and Mexico; and

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Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act: H.R. 192, to establish an interagency program to assist countries in North and West Africa to improve immediate and long-term capabilities to counter terrorist threats.

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Joint Economic Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (NY).

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act: H.R. 221, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to monitor and combat anti-Semitism globally.

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Senate Referral: S. 24 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H454.